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The Honorable Andrew F. Schoeppel
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Schoeppel:

This is in reference to a request from Mr. Albright of your office to Mr. Pforzheimer, our Assistant General Counsel, for information regarding the number of passenger vehicles operated by the Central Intelligence Agency. In addition, it is understood that you desire information as to the number of CIA passenger vehicles operating with Government plates, those operating with non-Government plates and certain over-all statistics regarding mileage per year, average miles to the gallon and vehicle maintenance costs.

As Mr. Pforzheimer explained to Mr. Albright, all statistical information of this nature is subject to security restrictions, and, for this reason, we would prefer not to furnish this information to you for publication in such form as would make it readily identifiable as Central Intelligence Agency information. However, if you would like to have the detailed information furnished to you personally, I would be happy to come up and give the figures to you verbally when you return in January.

For the record, I should like to state that the funds expended for the purchase of cars by this Agency are limited to the maximum price established by law for Government agencies, and actually we have never expended the maximum figure of \$1400 per car. This Agency has never requested a special appropriation for large limousines or other passenger vehicles requiring special appropriations language, nor does the Agency possess such equipment.

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For security reasons, we have found it necessary to place non-Government tags on a few of the cars in our possession, and I am sure that you will find this readily understandable in view of the nature of the work of this Agency.

Certain of the information which Mr. Albright requested is furnished by us to the Bureau of the Budget, on a confidential basis, but it is never made public by them in any way which could identify the figures as associated with this Agency.

In any report which you make, I would very much appreciate it if you would exclude the CIA figures. However, as stated above, if you wish to discuss the figures further I would be very pleased to talk with you personally about them upon your return.

Sincerely,

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